

## CONFERENCE CALENDAR

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The following conferences may be of interest to the readers of the *Quarterly Review of Distance Education*. Recommendations for conferences to be listed in future issues may be sent to: [burmeister@nova.edu](mailto:burmeister@nova.edu)

***13th International Congress of  
Technology and Distance Education:  
November 1-4, San Jose, Costa Rica:  
Costa Rican State University of Distance  
Education***

See Website for details in Spanish,  
<http://www.uned.ac.cr/XIIICongreso2006/>

***18th Annual WCET Conference:  
November 1-4, Portland, Oregon:  
Portland Marriott Downtown***

“Around the world, technology is changing the way colleges and universities approach their missions, interact with their students, and achieve their goals. Some of these changes are wrought by choice; others occur out of neces-

sity; and still others are an accident. There is no clear path—we are all learning how to use these new technologies most effectively. And while we are learning, issues of good practice, accountability, evaluation and assessment, always on the table, have become more urgent. This conference will focus on blazing that e-learning trail together: identifying and sharing ideas and practices about what works and what doesn't across six strands that make up the fabric of higher education. We'll explore forward-looking changes in pedagogy, in student access, success, and retention. And we will look at shifting faculty roles and responsibilities, and at new policies and procedures at international, national, state and local levels. We'll discuss some of the new technologies on the horizon, too, and how we can best include them in our future plans. And we'll leave this conference with a better understanding of how we can collaborate in building a strong path toward a bright new technological future in higher education.”

<http://conference.wcet.info/2006/>

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***Learning 2006: November 5-8, Orlando, Florida: Disney's Coronado Springs Resort***

Hosted by Elliott Massie, the theme of this conference is "Learning in a 'Flatter' World. "The world is 'flatter.'" Our organizations are operating at a faster speed, more globally with a changing workforce and marketplace. How does LEARNING fit into a "flatter" world? How do we combine traditional approaches to learning (eg. classroom, e-Learning and OJT) with emerging models (PodCasting, Gaming, Coaching, Fingertip Knowledge and Collaborative Learning). How do we address the issues of Retention, Outsourcing, Human Capital Management and Competencies? Learning 2006 is dedicated to exploring how organizations can deliver more impact, faster, farther, with changing development and media formats, focused on competency and compliance. <http://www.learning2006.com/>

***12th Sloan-C International Conference on Asynchronous Learning Networks (ALN): November 8-10, Orlando, Florida: The Rosen Centre Hotel***

"Asynchronous learning networks (ALNs) are helping to transform education and training from site-based, time-bound experiences to anytime-anywhere online learning environments. By connecting learners with each other, with their instructors, and with a wide range of resources, ALNs allow a high degree of interaction and collaboration. This conference, which will provide the latest information on asynchronous learning programs, processes, packages, and protocols, is geared to both experienced professionals and interested newcomers to online learning who hail from a variety of work sectors, including higher education, continuing education, business, government, health care, professional associa-

tions, and nonprofit organizations." <http://www.aln.ucf.edu/>

***4th Annual International Workshop: Wireless, Mobile and Ubiquitous Technologies (WMUT) in Education. November 16-17, Athens, Greece: Divani Caravel Hotel***

"The topics of interest related to the WMUTE 2006 Workshop themes include but are not limited to: Adaptive and adaptable learning environments using mobile and ubiquitous devices; agent support for mobile and ubiquitous learning; amalgamating individual and collaborative learning in mobile and ubiquitous learning environments; architectures and infrastructures for ubiquitous learning systems; architectures and implementations of context-aware learning technology systems; designs for wireless, mobile and ubiquitous technologies in education; design of learner-supportive interfaces of ubiquitous learning applications; digital tangibles or wireless sensor networks for learning; entertainment computing for ubiquitous learning; evaluation and evaluation methodologies for ubiquitous learning environments; game-based learning in mobile and ubiquitous learning environments" and others.

<http://www.ask.itl.gr/wmute/2006/others/>

***5th WSEAS International Conference on E-Activities: November 20-22, Venice, Italy***

This conference includes special sessions, presentation of papers and 4-hour tutorials. E-Activities address E-Learning, E-Communities, E-Commerce, E-Management, E-Marketing, E-Governance, and TeleWorking.

<http://worldses.org/conferences/2006/venice/e-activities/>

***IST 2006: Strategies for Leadership:  
November 21-23, Helsinki, Finland:  
Helsinki Messukeskus (the Helsinki Fair  
Centre)***

“This year’s edition of the most important European event in the field of Information Society Technologies will coincide with the launch of the EU’s Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Development. IST 2006 includes a high-level conference, an exhibition of cutting edge research results from across Europe and a program of networking sessions and workshops. Three strands, but one overriding aim: to help achieving Europe’s innovative potential in developing and rolling out information and communication technologies.”

[http://europa.eu.int/information\\_society/istevent/2006/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/information_society/istevent/2006/index_en.htm)

***Online Educa Berlin: November 29-  
December 1, Berlin, Germany: Hotel  
InterContinental***

“Meeting the networking needs of the international e-learning and distance education industry, the annual Online Educa Berlin conference is the key networking venue for strategists and practitioners from all over the world. The conference is held entirely in English and includes plenary sessions with world-class experts, smaller presentation and special focus sessions, practical demonstrations and debates on specific topics, as well as various informal networking opportunities where practitioners share their experiences, ideas, new information and perspectives. Online Educa is the largest gathering of e-learning and distance education professionals in Europe, enabling participants to develop multinational and cross-industry contacts and partnerships, as well as to enhance their knowledge, expertise, and abilities.

<http://www.online-educa.com/>

***Instructional Design Institute:  
November 30-December 2, Orlando,  
Florida: Caribe Royal All-Suites Resort  
Convention Center***

“VNU Learning.com presents an event focused exclusively on instructional design. The Instructional Design Institute held this year in Orlando is your best chance to hone your design skills while interacting with fellow designers. Combining the intensive skill building of a 3-day certificate program with valuable networking and other social elements of a conference, these IDI certificate programs are conducted by top industry experts and provide you with the theories, best practices and applications you need to become (and remain!) a top performer. By the end of the third day, you’ll not only walk away with a certificate, you’ll also propel your career and enhance your professional know-how.”

<http://www.instructionaldesigninstitute.com/learninggroup/3490/index.jsp>

***Annual LERN 2006 Conference:  
November 30-December 2, Baltimore,  
Maryland: Baltimore Marriott  
Waterfront Hotel***

“We now live in a wired world. Website, e-mail and digital communication are here to stay. Only organizations adopting new rules will thrive in the 21st century.” The conference includes sessions by practitioners, over 30 new sessions, a “Hall of Learning” and “networking Central,” discussion groups, brochure exchange, and topic tracks.

[http://www.lern.org/annual\\_convention/](http://www.lern.org/annual_convention/)

***ITU Telecom World: December 4-8,  
Hong Kong, China: Asiaworld-Expo***

“The theme of the conference is ‘Experience Living The Digital World.’ The conference will provide a varied and exciting theme for the Forum, one which encapsulates how information and communications technologies

(ICTs) are impacting and shaping our lifestyles. New ICTs are giving rise to trends such as home-networking, multimedia entertainment platforms or telecommuting—trends which are fundamentally changing our day-to-day existence. They are also reshaping the way we do business, redefining relations between businesses and between businesses and their customers. And of course, the technologies of today and tomorrow could pose many challenges for policymakers and regulators. Within its theme, the forum will explore three different domains: digital lifestyle, digital ecosystems, and digital society.”

<http://www.itu.int/WORLD2006/index.html>

***32nd IAL Conference 2007: January 11-14, Austin, TX: Omni Austin Hotel Downtown***

“Deep in the Heart of Learning” is the theme for this year’s conference. “Innovative Accelerated Learning practitioners join other cutting edge learning professionals from around the world to share their knowledge and skills in interactive, fun and meaningful sessions designed to build your competence and provide you with a set of tools and approaches to deep learning. In addition to the learning in formal sessions throughout the day, you will have time to network with others, browse the IAL bookstore for resources, and enjoy the special evening events.

<http://www.ialearn.org/conference.php>

***86th Annual Wisconsin State Education Convention and Exhibit Show: January 17-19, Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Midwest Airlines Center***

“Accountability: Mission Possible” is the theme of this year’s conference.

<http://www.wasb.org/convention/index.html>

***EDUCAUSE Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference 2007: January 17-19, Baltimore, MD: Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel***

“Unifying the Digital Campus: Integrated Technologies Supporting Practical Solutions” is this year’s conference theme. “EDUCAUSE regional conferences help you balance a tight travel budget with the value of meeting and exchanging information with peers. The Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, like the other EDUCAUSE regional conferences, offers nearby higher education IT professionals a smaller, more intimate version of the EDUCAUSE annual conference in a location that is easy and affordable to reach. If you're from the mid-Atlantic area, take this opportunity to learn, share, and connect with others in your field and from your part of the country.”

<http://www.educause.edu/marc07>

***Indiana Computer Educators (ICE). January 24-26, Indianapolis, IN: Indiana Convention Center***

“Illuminate the Future” is the topic for ICE 2007. “The annual Indiana Computer Educators conference has become Indiana's premier educational technology conference for K-12 teachers, administrators, and school technology leaders and is the fifth largest conference of its kind in the nation.”

<http://www.iupui.edu/~ice/conference.html>

***Florida Educational Technology Conference (FETC). January 24-26, Orlando, FL: Orange County Convention Center South Complex***

“FETC is one of the largest, most successful conferences in the United States devoted to educational technology. The conference program is designed so educators and administrators have an opportunity to learn how to integrate different technologies across the curriculum—from kindergarten to college—while

being exposed to the latest hardware, software and successful strategies on student technology use. FETC is designed for teachers, principals and deans, district administrators, curriculum designers, media specialists, technology directors and various other educators.”  
<http://www.fetc.org/>

***Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA) 207 Annual Convention and Exposition. February 5-9, Austin, Texas***

“Into the Next Dimension” is the theme of this year’s conference. “The TCEA annual convention is recognized nationwide for its quality professional development opportunities, fun activities, and chances to meet and network with other education professionals. TCEA’s 5-day convention is one of the largest educational technology conventions in the nation and the largest in Texas.”  
<http://www.tcea2007.org/>

***Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference, February 11-13, Hershey, PA: Hershey Lodge and Convention Center***

<http://www.peteandc.org/>

***e-Learning 2007. February 17-20, Albuquerque, NM: The Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town***

“e-Learning 2007 is the friendliest and most comprehensive annual distance learning conference you will find for e-Learning practitioners. It is the one place where you will learn who is doing what, what technologies they are using, what works, and what doesn’t. Exchange your great ideas with colleagues from across the country and around the world. Learn about new and successful educational strategies, technologies that work, and special techniques for teaching at a distance.”  
<http://www.itcnetwork.org/elearning2007.htm>